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LETTER DATED 27 OCTOBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF HAITI TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 22 October 1998 addressed to you by René Préval, President of the Republic of Haiti, concerning the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pierre LELONG
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 22 October 1998 from the President of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

On 28 November 1997, the Security Council, following my request of 29 October 1997, adopted resolution 1141 (1997) creating the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH). The specific purpose of this Mission was to assist the Government of Haiti by contributing to the professionalism of the National Police, and it had a mandate of one year, which ends on 30 November 1998.

Remarkable progress has been made by the National Police, thanks to the support which it has received from the United Nations missions in Haiti. However, essential matters have still to be addressed. As stated in your report of 24 August 1998, "the development of an effective police force is a complex and lengthy task and is a fundamental part of the democratic process" (S/1998/796, para. 33).

Accordingly, I should like to request the United Nations to continue to cooperate with Haiti in order to strengthen the National Police. The form of this cooperation and the measures to be taken can be discussed by the specialized organs of the United Nations and Haiti.

(Signed) René PRÉVAL